

The State of Texas
County of Harris Be it remembered
that on this day personally appeared Martin
D. Taylor and after being duly sworn deponent
and saith that he was well acquainted
with John B. McClelyea that he and myself
enlisted to serve three months in a company
company under Captain John Wortham
in 1838 that we served out the time and
returned home together and he then hired
to my uncle Stephen Keatts to work & we
lived about 250 or 300 yards of each other
for some eight or nine months a portion
of which time he worked with my father
so that I became very intimately acquainted
with him, In the year 1839 I think he left
as he stated for the Santa Fe expedition
understood that he went the Expedition &
returned and then went with the company
~~to~~ after On the other expedition he informed
me that he was wounded and after getting
so that he could travel, he made his escape
I saw the same identical John B. McClelyea
some two years & six months ago in Leon
County or Robertson County Texas The aforesaid
John B. McClelyea was generally called a Butcherman
this deponent states that he is positive to the person
& name of the said McClelyea & further this
deponent says not Martin D. Taylor
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day August AD 1853
at my office at Austin Francis F. Duffay
Notary Public, Travis Co.